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The Library of Michigan is part of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries. Dedicated to enriching the quality of life for Michigan residents by providing access to information, preserving and promoting Michigan's heritage, and fostering cultural creativity, the department also includes the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Michigan Film Office and the Michigan Historical Center.



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Leadership

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the Library of Michigan and the Library of Michigan Foundation. This report highlights the achievements and developments of the Library of Michigan in the increasingly challenging fiscal environment of the library's 175th year of operation. Thanks to the hard work of our very dedicated and creative staff, the library continued to bring the best in service and experience to our many customers statewide.



Christie Pearson Brandau
State Librarian

Perhaps the best word to describe the year 2003 is "whirlwind" – in terms of both time and progress. Anticipation and expectation were the buzzwords for this anniversary year, and we are pleased and proud to say that we believe we exceeded our own high hopes at every turn. We did it – and will continue to do it – by always keeping the focus on the Library of Michigan's mission: to promote, advocate and consistently work to achieve the highest level of library service to the state of Michigan, its libraries and its residents.

This past year marked many high points:

- The completion and grand opening of the Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room, a showpiece on so many levels!
- Continued enhancements to the Michigan e-Library (MeL), the statewide information resource that serves Michigan residents 24 hours a day;
- The administration of hundreds of thousands of dollars in LSTA funds to help upgrade libraries and support the digitization efforts of *The Making of Modern Michigan*.



Judith K. Moore
Executive Director
Library of Michigan Foundation

Clearly, we are moving forward, with our eyes on the future and our hearts grateful to the many, many library supporters who understand and are committed to our state's need for superior library service. Without their generous encouragement, many of our critical programs and services would be severely threatened.

As we move into the next 175 years, partnership and collaboration will continue to be key to making our dreams of equitable library service a reality. Our residents deserve no less.

Take a moment to look at our year in review. We are proud of our history, our accomplishments in the face of adversity, and our commitment to customer service.

Sincerely,

Christie Pearson Brandau
State Librarian
Library of Michigan

Judith K. Moore
Executive Director
Library of Michigan Foundation

Greetings,

As director of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL), let me first congratulate every staff member at the Library of Michigan and the Library of Michigan Foundation on a very memorable year. When this department formed a few short years ago, I felt confident that the Library of Michigan would be a leader in creating programs and services to meet the needs of Michigan residents in every corner of the state. I am proud to say that, despite being faced with budget constraints and an uncertain future, Christie and her team proved that my confidence was well placed.

My work for HAL has taken me on many travels around our great state of Michigan, and I have seen with my own eyes evidence of the good works made possible by the Library of Michigan's advocacy and leadership. When a new library is opened or an old one is restored, the pride in the air is palpable, the excitement contagious. Libraries are among our society's most enduring traditions. The ways in which Michigan library service has evolved have taken that tradition and elevated it to levels no one could have predicted 175 years ago. I, for one, can only imagine with great eagerness the changes we'll see in the years to come.

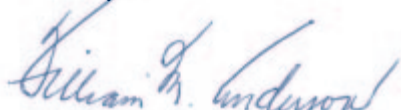


Dr. William Anderson
Director
Department of History, Arts and Libraries

There are challenges, to be sure, but there have always been challenges. When the first state library was created back in 1828, it had a total annual appropriation of \$650, an amount that remained constant throughout the territorial period. While the Library of Michigan today operates on a budget substantially larger than that, we have had to work smartly and frugally. That good stewardship will go a long way toward ensuring the Library of Michigan continues to be a resource, a program provider and a technology leader for the people of Michigan.

Among other things, I am a historian. The impact and course of history are subjects I devour like a starving man. As author Barbara Tuchman once put it, "To a historian, libraries are food, shelter, and even muse." I couldn't agree more. The Library of Michigan is, fortunately for us, rich not only in history but also in its diverse offering of materials, programs and services. Libraries statewide are tremendous resources for residents who want to learn, be inspired and get connected to the world around them. As director of this department, I remain committed to building goodwill and raising awareness about the Library of Michigan and all libraries in Michigan.

Sincerely,



Dr. William M. Anderson
Director
Department of History, Arts and Libraries



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175 Years of Service

MAKING HISTORY

Since it was founded 175 years ago, the Library of Michigan has remained dedicated to serving the public and has evolved in response to and in anticipation of residents' changing needs. Decisions are made with this mission statement always in sharp focus: The Library of Michigan promotes, advocates and consistently works to achieve the highest level of library service to the state of Michigan, its libraries and its residents.

“Libraries are the only place where people can go, day after day, and regardless of their race, gender, religion or income have equal access to the cutting-edge resources and learning opportunities that lie within.”

State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau

Library of Michigan Milestones

1828 – A territorial library, containing laws and government documents for use by the territorial council, is created and a librarian is appointed.

1837 – One month after Michigan becomes a state, the former territorial council library becomes the State Library, and Governor Stevens T. Mason appoints Oren Marsh Michigan's first state librarian.

1869 – Harriet Augusta Edgerton Tenney, wife of former State Librarian Jesse Eugene Tenney, is appointed state librarian. She is one of the few women in the country to achieve such a position.

1879 – The library moves to the new State Capitol building.

1880 – The State Library opens to the public for the first time.

1893 – Mary Clair Wilson Spencer is appointed state librarian. The first native-born Michiganiaan to serve in the position, Spencer will be reappointed nine times.

1895 – The very popular traveling libraries program is implemented, effectively providing statewide library service to all Michigan residents.

1899 – The State Board of Library Commissioners is created to promote the establishment of new libraries and to standardize existing libraries around the state.

1941 – Loleta I. Dawson Fyan becomes the first academically trained professional librarian to head the State Library.

1951 – A fire in the State Office Building, where the State Library is housed, destroys 20,000 books and damages 30,000 more.

1956 – Congress passes the Library Services Act, which would eventually become the Library Services and Technology Act, to promote library development. The Library of Michigan is designated to administer this program for the state of Michigan.

1959 – The State Library for the Blind in Saginaw is transferred to the State Board for Libraries.

1965 – The State Library, now housing 1.3 million titles, becomes a division with the Bureau of Library Services at the Michigan Department of Education.

1983 – Public Act 540 creates the Library of Michigan, transferring control of the library from the Department of Education to the Legislative Council. The law patterns the new Library of Michigan after the Library of Congress.

1985 – The Library of Michigan Foundation, which secures funds to support the library's priority programs and projects, is established.

1988 – The Michigan Library and Historical Center opens, tripling the Library of Michigan's space and merging its full collection of books in one place for the first time since the 1951 fire.

1993-1996 – The Library of Michigan expands its services with new technology, introducing Internet access, an online public access catalog (ANSWER) and a new Web page.

1998 – The library launches AccessMichigan, the precursor to the Michigan eLibrary, offering free access to online databases to Michigan libraries and their customers.

2000 – Christie Pearson Brandau becomes Michigan's 39th state librarian.

2001 – The Library of Michigan becomes part of the newly created Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries.

2002 – The Library unveils the new Michigan eLibrary, accessible to Michigan residents 24 hours a day from any Internet connection.

2003 – The Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room is constructed to house and preserve the Library of Michigan's rare and valuable materials and provide customers greater access to these special items.





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EXPANDING ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Every day, the Library of Michigan is working to find new ways to make access to information easier and more efficient for state residents. Following are just a few of the ways the library has opened the gateway to a world of valuable information.



The Michigan eLibrary

The Michigan eLibrary (www.mel.org) is an anywhere, anytime resource that puts the best in information resources at the fingertips of Michigan residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Developed with the participation of Michigan libraries and designed to offer every library and resident in Michigan equitable and easy-to-use access to these growing resources, the vision for MeL is that all Michigan residents will have simple access to the information they need, when they need it *and* in the format they desire.

MeL resources include the following:

MeL Databases

The Library of Michigan purchased \$3.6 million worth of quality electronic resources – including full-text magazines, newspapers, electronic books, on-line academic and job-training practice tests and more – and made them available to every library and resident in the state. Michiganders can access these “resident only” resources through their local libraries or from their home or office Internet connections by using a Michigan driver’s license or state ID number. How great a value is this? If every library in the state were to individually purchase these databases to offer to their customers, the collective cost would exceed \$144 million!

MeL Internet

A collection of Internet links organized by topic and selected by librarians who are experts in their subject areas, this Michigan eLibrary component was one of the earliest compilations of Internet links organized by category and, in fact, served as a model for the Yahoo! search engine. This select (and ever evolving) group of resources represents the most comprehensive and reliable Internet sites on a broad range of topics, with special emphasis on Michigan-related links.

MeL Digital Collections

This is an exciting area of development for the Library of Michigan and libraries statewide. Our state’s libraries, museums, historical societies, schools and other institutions have a wealth of unique manuscripts, realia and other objects, most of which are currently available for viewing only by walk-in customers, often on a hit-or-miss basis. The Michigan eLibrary planning committee, ATLAS, conducted a survey of Michigan libraries and other institutions and found that many collections would be of significant interest to a wider audience and could form the basis for a comprehensive Michigan digital archive. By eventually making such items accessible through the Michigan eLibrary, these treasures will be hidden no more.

MeL Catalog

A new statewide catalog, interlibrary loan and delivery service that began implementation in 2003, MeLCat provides residents with one-stop searching and requesting of materials housed in Michigan libraries, including valuable local history materials.

Collections

Library of Michigan collections housed at the Michigan Library and Historical Center and at the Law Library in downtown Lansing total more than 3 million hardcover books, bound periodical volumes and government documents. Extensive files of newspapers and other items in microform raise the collection total to more than 5.6 million items stored on over 27 miles of shelving. Holdings of the Library of Michigan – which can be searched on the library’s online catalog, ANSWER, at www.michigan.gov/hal – include:

Abrams Genealogy Collection

The Library of Michigan maintains one of the largest genealogy collections in the country. More than 100,000 books, microforms and electronic resources provide a wide array of materials to those searching for their ancestry. Census records and indices beginning in 1790 are available for the entire United States and Canada. The Abrams collection includes historic city directories, maps and atlases, land records, county and family histories, ships’ passenger records, vital records indices and a large selection of genealogy periodicals.

Law Library

Located two blocks northeast of the Michigan Library and Historical Center in the G. Mennen Williams Building, the Library of Michigan Law Library collects state and federal primary law with an emphasis on Michigan, as well as secondary sources such as treatises and law reviews. Canadian and British statutes are also represented in the Law Library’s collections. Online databases provide additional resources at the state and national levels, and customers can view frequently requested public acts or link directly to other valuable legal information.

Michigan Collection

The Library of Michigan offers current and historical Michigan materials on all subjects, ranging from Michigan local government publications to history, biography, business, industry, literature and folklore. In addition to books, customers have access to periodicals, maps and audiovisual materials, as well as a collection of Michigan newspapers on microfilm dating back to the 1800s, a resource widely used by researchers and historians.

State and Federal Documents

The official repository for Michigan documents, the Library of Michigan has gathered executive and legislative publications since 1805. Through its Michigan Document Depository System, the library distributes publications to roughly 60 Michigan libraries. As a federal document regional depository, the Library of Michigan also provides access to all materials distributed by the U.S. Government Printing Office.

Reference Service

Library of Michigan staff members use a wide variety of print and electronic reference materials to help customers find the information they need. Reference questions are answered in person and via phone (517-373-1300), or through traditional e-mail (librarian@michigan.gov) and “Ask Us Live,” a real-time reference interaction available at the library’s Web site at www.michigan.gov/askalibrarian.

Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

A full-service public library for those with visual and physical disabilities, the Library of Michigan’s Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (SBPH) is one of two such regional libraries in Michigan. It is part of a nationwide network of libraries administered by the Library of Congress’ National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. SBPH provides books and magazines on audiocassette and in Braille directly to customers in 22 Michigan counties and oversees the network of subregional libraries serving the state’s other 60 counties. SBPH also offers adaptive technology training and consulting as well as reference and referral service related to disability issues.





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BUILDING COLLABORATION

A flourishing Library of Michigan requires teamwork among the library's dedicated staff and cooperation with other like-minded organizations. From libraries around the state and corporate sponsors to our sister agencies within the Department of History, Arts and Libraries, partners play a critical role in carrying out the Library of Michigan's mission of achieving the highest level of library service to the state of Michigan, its libraries and its residents. Some of the library's best collaborative efforts moved forward in 2003.

MeLCat

In 2003, the library neared culmination of the project to launch MeLCat, a statewide common search engine, catalog and resource-sharing system. A collaboration between the Library of Michigan, Innovative Interfaces, Inc., the Michigan Library Consortium (MLC) and libraries across the state, the project builds the framework for adding the following components to the Michigan eLibrary:

- A statewide online union catalog, with combined holdings of all participating Michigan libraries (expected to eventually include approximately 12 million unique titles representing 48 million items);
- A statewide gateway to library information, with a single search interface for residents to access all MeL databases, the MeL Internet collection, digitized collections and the statewide online catalog; and
- A resource-sharing system that allows Michigan library customers in good standing at a participating library to place online requests for items (without assistance from library staff) and pick up the materials at their local libraries.

The Making of Modern Michigan

In the fall of 2003, the Library of Michigan awarded \$61,500 in mini-grants to assist 41 libraries throughout the state in their digitization efforts to preserve valuable and rare materials relating to Michigan history. Part of the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) fiscal year 2003 grant program, the mini-grants supported *The Making of Modern Michigan*, a project of the Michigan eLibrary (MeL). Michigan State University serves as the administrative host for the project, in cooperation with the Library of Michigan, the Michigan Library Consortium and six regional digitization centers.

The project's chief goal is to empower libraries throughout the state to contribute to a digital collection of the state's history. Library staff will be trained in digitization techniques, copyright issues and metadata standards, and will have access to digitization equipment and technical assistance in regional digitization centers located throughout the state. The digital collection created by *The Making of Modern Michigan* will benefit scholars, students learning about Michigan history, and learners of all ages.

Michigan Center for the Book

The Michigan Center for the Book, a program of the Library of Michigan and its affiliates, was formally chartered in 1986 as the Michigan affiliate of the National Center for the Book at the Library of Congress. The program seeks to promote an awareness of books, reading, literacy, authors and Michigan's rich literary heritage, drawing on the resources of the Library of Michigan and its affiliates

and working cooperatively with many organizations to stimulate an interest in books. Its affiliates, which provide programming for the center, include 20 libraries across the state. The Michigan Center for the Book co-sponsors and promotes a variety of literary resources, events and activities around the state. Recent activities include:

2003 National Book Festival

Michigan Center for the Book representatives attended this annual Library of Congress Festival in Washington, D.C., to promote Michigan literature and authors to festivalgoers, national reading groups and literary and literacy groups from other states. An estimated 75,000 people attended, making this a successful Michigan arts and culture outreach.

Michigan Authors and Illustrators Database

An ongoing collaboration with the Michigan Association of Media in Education, this database includes authors who live in Michigan, were born in Michigan or whose works are set in or about Michigan. The entries include a bibliography, awards, biographical information, photos, book covers and more. It is available at <https://www.mel.org/miai/miai.html>.

Michigan Literary Landmarks

The center is working with the Friends of Libraries USA and local groups to locate and designate Michigan Literary Landmarks. These landmarks honor notable figures in Michigan's literary history, such as John Voelker, the Michigan judge who wrote *Anatomy of a Murder* and other works under the pseudonym Robert Traver.

Art Adventure

Seeking to boost arts and literature educational opportunities in Michigan's smaller communities, the Michigan Center for the Book and the Alpena County Library co-sponsored Art Adventure in the summer of 2003. This grant program made it possible for an author or illustrator to travel to 28 rural libraries statewide for a variety of public programming.

Michigan Reads!

In the summer of 2003, the Library of Michigan announced and laid the groundwork for the inaugural *Michigan Reads! One State, One Prechool Book* 2004 project, in cooperation with honorary chair Gov. Jennifer Granholm and libraries, schools, and literacy and child-development organizations around the state. The program aims to highlight the importance of early-childhood literacy and the vital educational role of public libraries by encouraging parents, caregivers and educators to read the same book to as many of Michigan's preschoolers as possible during the same time period. The contributions of many sponsors and partners helped turn this great idea into reality and will sustain it as an annual program.

Family History Month and Michigan Week

Each year, the Library of Michigan collaborates with its fellow agencies in the Department of History, Arts and Libraries to celebrate Family History Month in October and Michigan Week in May. In 2003, the Library of Michigan offered its resources and expertise on topics such as genealogy and Michigan books and authors to present numerous programs for the public during both celebrations.



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LEADING LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

Although its collections and staff are housed in Lansing, the Library of Michigan's services and impact reach far beyond the capital. Not only does the Library strive to make its own materials, programs and reference staff available statewide via the Michigan eLibrary, it also seeks to help libraries in all 83 counties make themselves more effective and user-friendly. To achieve that goal, the Library of Michigan has devoted an entire division of its staff to promoting and supporting the best possible library and information services throughout Michigan.

Library Development and Data Services

With the transfer of the state data center and state demographer functions to the Library of Michigan in 2003, the former Library Development Division became the Library Development and Data Services Division (LDDS). The division's mission is to enhance the quality of library and data services statewide and to support library staff members in their ongoing efforts to sustain excellent service to Michigan residents.

Census Data

The transfer of the data center and demographer functions brought new responsibilities to the division, including:

- Developing population estimates and projections;
- Fulfilling custom data requests;
- Working with the U.S. Census Bureau;
- Providing demographic analysis and consultation to state agencies;
- Compiling and analyzing Michigan census data for statewide distribution via the Web; and
- Managing the state data center affiliate network, working closely with coordinating agencies to provide outreach, education and consultation about census data resources.

In addition to these new responsibilities, LDDS continues serving libraries around the state in many ways, including providing consultation, support and information on a wide variety of library services to library staff and trustees and coordinating the following statewide activities:

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Program – administering the individual grant program as well as funding for statewide projects such as MeLCat, the school library media study and Public Library Funding Initiative Group and Quality Services Audit Checklist.

Continuing Education and Distance Learning – developing, coordinating and implementing a variety of workshops and training opportunities for library staff, including the Rural Libraries Conference, Beginning Workshop, New Directors Workshop, online training classes and videoconferencing of meetings and programs.

Certification of Libraries and Staff – reviewing applications and documentation for librarian certification and determining eligibility for level I-VII librarians, and reviewing public library service area contracts to determine compliance with state laws and guidelines.

Gathering of Library Statistics and Data Coordination – coordinating the collection, analysis and publication of library statistics and serving as a statewide resource for library statistics.

State Aid Distribution – reviewing state aid applications from public libraries, library cooperatives and subregional/regional libraries in order to determine eligibility to receive state aid, preparing vouchers for state aid payment, maintaining service area information for public libraries and producing county population certification reports.

Youth Services Programs and Consultation – coordinating and assisting in statewide youth services programs, including the summer reading program, and providing consultation and training to library staff who serve children and young adults.

Library of Michigan Service Division Statistics for Years Ended Sept. 30, 2003 and Sept. 30, 2002

Requests/Transactions	FY 2003	FY 2002
Circulation/Directional Requests*	40,981	40,728
Reference/Research Requests*	43,471	43,779
Interlibrary Loan Requests*	15,095	15,890
Number Main/Law Items Circulated	15,717	17,097
(*Includes phone, e-mail and walk-in)		

Transactions by Customer Group	FY 2003	FY 2002
General Public	75,887	75,465
Libraries	19,145	20,087
State Government Agencies	10,072	10,052

Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	FY 2003	FY 2002
Circulation	275,177	315,409
Interlibrary Loan	2,294	1,782
Reference/Reader Advisory Requests	11,221	11,442





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From the LMF Chair

Greetings,

On behalf of the Library of Michigan Foundation Board of Trustees, I am pleased to present the foundation's 2002/03 annual report. This report showcases the activities of the foundation during this last fiscal year and recognizes the generosity of our donors, without whom many special projects and activities at the Library of Michigan would not have taken place.

No doubt last year's foundation highlight was the completion of a multi-year project, the construction of the Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room on the fourth floor of the Library of Michigan. Over \$800,000 in private funds was raised over several years by the foundation to make this dream a reality. How excited we were when on Oct. 28 we hosted a special evening to honor the distinguished career of Martha W. Griffiths and inaugurate this very special room named after her! Many guests, including Lt. Gov. John D. Cherry, attended the celebration and toured the library. Our pride in this project is widespread. Numerous individuals contributed their time, talent and money to build the Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room so that the public can better access the library's valuable materials and the collection can be enhanced with new items.



Albert F. Zehnder
Chair
Library of Michigan Foundation

Other successes of this past fiscal year included our support of several educational outreach activities for librarians and library trustees throughout the state, such as the Rural Libraries Conference, the Mahoney Children's Workshops and the Patriot Act Workshop. Gifts to the Abrams Genealogy Collection and the Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped allowed further enhancement of these special resources. We were thrilled to participate in the milestone celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Library of Michigan. We were also very pleased to bestow special honors on the Otsego County Library, recipient of the 2003 State Librarian's Excellence Award for exemplary customer service, and Mrs. Ruth Z. Lewis, recognized as one of Michigan's most outstanding genealogists during the 2003 Genealogy Recognition Day.

What's next? Our new executive director, Judith Moore, is focusing our attention to new fund-raising initiatives such as MeL.org (Michigan eLibrary), while we continue to raise funds for current collections and special programs. As the Library of Michigan copes with budget challenges, we hope to be able to provide increased support for selected activities in the future. We take pride in the Library of Michigan and are fully committed to making sure it remains up-to-date and vital for the benefit of all the libraries and citizens in Michigan.

Sincerely,

Albert F. Zehnder
Library of Michigan Foundation Chair

The Library of Michigan Foundation

Mission Statement

The Library of Michigan Foundation secures funds for the Library of Michigan to strengthen and support the relevancy, availability and accessibility of Michigan library resources and services for all Michigan residents.

Why the Foundation Exists

Established in 1985, the Library of Michigan Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, public charity governed by an independent board of directors. The foundation exists to provide opportunities for charitable giving to benefit the Library of Michigan and to provide funding for library programs and services otherwise not provided through state or federal funding. The last year was one of the most challenging for the Library of Michigan and many agencies statewide. Because of generous donations to the annual fund and special gifts and program-designated gifts, the foundation was able to provide critical funding and support for a number of 2003 programs, including:

Abrams Foundation Historical Collection

Gifts made to the collection were used to expand the general collection and acquire special collections, maintain equipment, adapt emerging technology, and sponsor meetings, speakers and educational materials related to genealogy.

Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (SBPH)

Gifts to SBPH were used to purchase described videos to enhance the collection with new releases, to acquire adaptive hardware and software, and to provide training sessions for librarians, educators and the visually and physically impaired.

The Abrams Genealogy Series

From casual researchers to serious family historians, everyone benefited from the six-session series presented on Saturday mornings at the Michigan Library and Historical Center. The series focused on the resources available (and how best to use them) in the library's Abrams Foundation Historical Collection.

The Rural Libraries Conference

Held on Mackinac Island last May, this conference was specifically designed for librarians and trustees of small and rural libraries, who typically don't find more traditional conferences geared toward their libraries' unique needs and situations.

The Mahoney Children's Workshops

Three workshops were held in Southfield, Cadillac and Marquette in August 2003 for youth librarians, school librarians and teachers. The sessions addressed how to best promote early-childhood literacy and how libraries can help prepare preschool children to be successful readers and writers.



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The MLA Leadership Development Conference

Held in Shanty Creek in March 2003, this leadership conference was coordinated by the Michigan Library Association (MLA) to train future library directors, trustees and staff to effectively manage libraries, collaborate with organizations in their communities and develop business partnerships.

The Patriot Act Workshop

Held in Mt. Pleasant in March 2003, this first-of-its-kind session was also coordinated by the Michigan Library Association to help Michigan librarians better understand all sides of the U.S. Patriot Act and how it affects libraries and library customers.

Reasons to Celebrate

Genealogy Appreciation Day

On a Saturday afternoon last October during the kickoff of Family History Month, the Library of Michigan and the foundation joined forces to host a special event in appreciation of the genealogy community in Michigan for its continued support of the library's programs and services.



Genealogy Appreciation Day

The occasion provided the perfect stage for a special tribute to **Mrs. Ruth Z. Lewis**, who was presented with the Michigan's 2003 Genealogy Achievement Award in recognition of her numerous contributions to Michigan genealogical research. Highly regarded by fellow members of the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society and genealogical societies throughout the state, Mrs. Lewis shines in the genealogy community because of her work in helping researchers with their queries, no matter how hard the questions might be. A champion of the library's collections, she has over the years very generously donated of her time, personal resources and experience. Ruth, congratulations and many thanks!

State Librarian's Excellence Award

Every year, the foundation pays tribute to the work of librarians throughout the state and recognizes one library that exemplifies excellence in customer service. This year, as always, the selection process was challenging, especially because librarians are taking such innovative approaches with programming and outreach services. After much deliberation, the panel did reach a consensus and the 2003 winner of this prestigious \$5,000 cash award went to the **Otsego County Library**. Two 2003 citations of excellence were presented to the Clinton Macomb Public Library and the Munson Healthcare Library in Traverse City.

Library of Michigan's 175th Anniversary

In 2003, the Library of Michigan celebrated 175 years as Michigan's official state library agency. We couldn't be more proud of this vital institution that since frontier days has provided library service for state government and the people of Michigan and has developed into the extensive information resource it is today.

With much excitement, the foundation and the library hosted a special celebration on June 12. Highlights included opening remarks by State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau and Bettina Graber, chair of the library's board, and a presentation on the history of the Library of Michigan by Department of History, Arts and Libraries Director Dr. William Anderson. Informational sessions on the many Library of Michigan services and collections and the latest library technologies were held, and guests enjoyed fellowship on a very festive day. Congratulations to Christie and the Library of Michigan board and staff members on this very noteworthy milestone!

Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room



“On behalf of Governor Jennifer Granholm and the state of Michigan, I congratulate the Library of Michigan for its tremendous efforts to honor a true Michigan legend. I am very honored to help dedicate this Michigan Rare Book Room, which will house our state’s history, folklore and legend, in her name.” - Lt. Gov. John D. Cherry

The year 2003 was indeed a busy one for the Library of Michigan and its foundation. A special event on Oct. 28 – the grand opening of the library’s new rare book room and a tribute to one of Michigan’s legendary residents, Martha W. Griffiths – was the culmination of a years-long effort marked by generosity, partnership and can-do spirit. Approximately 200 guests, including Lt. Gov. John D. Cherry and other dignitaries, helped commemorate the official opening of the Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room — a project more than 10 years in the making.



Guests tour the new Rare Book Room during the grand opening.

Designed and constructed entirely with \$800,000 raised in private funding, the room was named in tribute to Michigan’s first woman lieutenant governor in recognition of her distinguished career and lifelong commitment to libraries.

“We couldn’t have reached this milestone without the help of our employees, our donors and library supporters such as the room’s namesake,” said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau. “What a fitting way for the Library of Michigan to celebrate 175 years of serving Michigan residents — to give people a closer look at our state’s history by providing access to the unique treasures in our collection.”



The entrance to the Rare Book Room honors its namesake.

The need for a dedicated space to house the rare book collection was established following an assessment that showed that the library building did not provide controlled access and proper protection for its rare and valuable items. The funding provided for the design and construction of the room, which is located on the fourth floor of the Library of Michigan. In addition to the reading room, the facility features an exhibition room, a secure storage area and a curatorial workspace and includes sophisticated security, fire prevention and climate control systems. Through the creation of a special endowment fund, the foundation will support the conservation and preservation of rare materials, as well as the future acquisition of additional materials.



Guests enjoy viewing rare materials on display in the exhibit room.

The Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room has become a destination place for researchers, history lovers, students of all ages and tourism from in- and out-of-state. The collection is comprised of more than 17,000 volumes, including printed books, maps, letters, prints and other formats covering subject matter such as natural history, law, angling, travel and exploration, Native Americans and Michiganiana.



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Statement of Activities

for Year Ended Sept. 30, 2003

Support and Revenue	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Contributions	\$12,502	\$191,281	\$100	\$203,883
In-kind Contributions	74,684	0	0	74,684
Workshops	5,256	0	0	5,256
Investment Income	96,536	32,641	0	129,177
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	885,144	(885,144)	0	0
Total Support and Revenue ...	\$1,074,122	(\$661,222)	\$100	\$413,000

Grants and Expenses

Grants to the Library of Michigan	\$905,171	0	0	\$905,171
Supporting Services				
Administrative and General	151,111	0	0	151,111
Fund-raising	7,910	0	0	7,910
Total Expenses	\$1,064,192	0	0	\$1,064,192

Change in Net Assets	\$9,930	(\$661,222)	\$100	(\$651,192)
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Net Assets

Beginning Net Assets	\$187,790	\$1,382,170	\$530,812	\$2,100,772
Ending Net Assets	\$197,720	\$720,948	\$530,912	\$1,449,580

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